APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 192 asked by Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1931, page 451 supra.]

*5 Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what was the number of prisoners that resorted to hunger-strike from March to October 1930;

(b) the reason for such hunger-strike;

(c) the jails in which such hunger-strike took place;

(d) the class of prisoners amongst whom hunger-strike was resorted to;

(e) the duration of each strike; and

(f) how each case ended.

A.—(a), (b), (c), (e), & (f) The information is given in the attached statement.[a]

(d) With the exception of the hunger-strike referred to in items (5), (8) and (10) of the statement, all the other strikes were confined to satyagraha prisoners of the 'A', 'B' and 'C' classes.

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[a] Vide next page.

Statement.

Number of prisoners who resorted to hunger-strike.	Reasons for hunger-strike.	Name of jail where hunger-strike took place.	The duration of each strike.	How each case ended.
(1) About 450	As a protest against 'C' class satyagrahis not being treated better than the ordinary 'C' class prisoners and to press for the supply of raw rice and buttermilk for 'C' class prisoners.	Central Jail, Rajahmundry.	Only one meal was rejected and the strike ended immediately.	The prisoners gave up the hunger-strike on the Superintendent informing them that their representations would be brought to the notice of the Inspector-General.
(2) 1	As a protest against his classification ..	Central Jail, Trichinopoly.	From 22nd to 25th June 1930.	The hunger-strike was voluntarily given up.
(3) 50	In order to gain the privilege of wearing Congress clothing inside the jail, of using separate eating and drinking vessels and to get buttermilk and coconut oil.	Central Jail, Coimbatore.	12th June 1930 midday meal and 13th June 1930 morning conjee were refused.	Strike ended when prisoners were informed that their requests were contrary to rules.
(4) 11	As a protest against the removal of an idol kept by them under a tree. They made a complaint to the Board of Visitors who did not take any action, as their behaviour towards them was objectionable.	Do.	30th September 1930 midday meal. Refused to take meal for two hours.	The hunger-strike was voluntarily given up.
(5) 691	As a protest against the change of dining place, from the blocks to the new dining shed in the factory enclosure.	Do.	29th October 1930 midday meal. In the evening 200 prisoners took meals, and the rest the next morning.	The prisoners were informed that it was necessary for the meals to be served in the dining sheds within the factory enclosure for administrative reasons and that it was not proposed to accede to their request. They thereupon voluntarily gave up the hunger-strike the following morning.
(6) 1	In order to compel the authorities to give them raw rice and curd or buttermilk to all 'C' class satyagraha prisoners.	Penitentiary, Madras	Started indifferently on 19th September 1930, but went on in real earnest from 23rd September to 4th October 1930.	The hunger-strike was given up voluntarily

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Statement—cont.

	Number of prisoners who resorted to hunger strike.	Reasons for hunger strike.	Name of jail where hunger strike took place.	The duration of each strike.	How each case ended.
(7)	314	One satyagraba prisoner hoisted Congress flag on No. 5 block. It was forcibly hoisted down, and as a result hunger-strike was begun.	Central Jail, Cannanore.	From the morning of 9th to 11th September 1930.	The hunger-strike was given up voluntarily.
(8)	1	The prisoner was transferred from the Central Jail, Cannanore, on disciplinary grounds. As a protest against the transfer he went on hunger-strike.	Central Jail, Salem.	From 22nd February to 12th April 1930.	He was admitted into the hospital. He gave up hunger-strike voluntarily.
(9)	1	On the prisoner's transfer from Central Jail, Cannanore, his personal effects were searched. As a protest against this, he refused food.	Do.	From 17th to 21st August 1930.	Do.
(10)	1	The prisoner demanded Saivite dirt, which was refused on the ground that he was on mixed diet, when he was confined in the jail on a previous occasion.	Central Jail, Salem.	From 3rd September to 13th November 1930.	He was admitted into the hospital. He gave up hunger-strike voluntarily.
(11)	1	He started hunger strike as he was placed in 'C' class by Government, although the committing Court recommended him to 'B' class, and as some of the Satyagrahi prisoners were not placed in 'B' class.	Central Jail, Bellary.	Four days	The hunger-strike was given up voluntarily.
(12)	4	Four other prisoners resorted to hunger strike in sympathy with the above prisoner.	Do.	One day (one)	Do.
(13)	1	As a protest against the refusal of supply of coconut oil, soaps, tooth brushes, and other luxuries which the prisoner demanded.	Do.	Four days	Do.
(14)	1	To show the prisoners' disapproval of the sentence passed on Bhagat Singh in the Lahore Conspiracy case.	Alipuram Jail, Bellary.	From 10th October 1930 to 15th October 1930.	Do.

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(15)	35	Went on hunger strike as their request for the supply of butter-milk, ghee, oil for bath, etc., was refused.	District Jail, Madura.	Three prisoners for 7 days, 5 for 4 days and 27 for 1 day.	The hunger strike was given up after persuasion.
(16)	40	As a p otest against the present classification of Satyagraha prisoners.	District Jail, Berhampur.	One prisoner for 7 days and 39 for 3 days.	The s'rike ended on the Superintendent informing the prisoners that he wo ld bring their grievances to the notice of the Inspector-General.
(17)	1	The prisoner wanted a transfer to the plains, and to effect this he went on hunger strike.	District Jail, Koraput.	Two days	The hunger strike was given up as his case had been referred to the Inspector-General of Prisons.
(18) (under trial.)	1	He wanted that he and other Satyagraha prisoners should be given raw rice. As his request was refused he went on hunger strike.	Sub-Jail, Nellore ..	One and half days	He gave up hunger strike as forcible feeding was resorted to.
(19)	2	As a protest against the refusal of raw rice, dholl, curry, ghee, sambar, butter-milk, coffee, etc.	Sub-Jail, Russellkonda.	Three days	The hunger strike was given up voluntarily.
(20)	1	The prisoner wanted raw rice and to gain his object, he refused food.	Sub-Jail, Calicut ..	Two days	Do.
	1,608	Total prisoners that went on hunger strike.			

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